

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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Dear Allen:

I suspect that this is a busy week for you, and that you will have many problems on your mind when you return from Philadelphia. However, here is a brief note on one or two points which are not of major importance.

Matt was in the office yesterday morning, and we went over a number of questions together. I told him of the meeting with Mr. Forrestal and Mr. Lovett and showed him the memorandum relating to the meeting. He expressed himself as being in entire agreement with what was done. I believe he tried to see Forrestal later in the day, but I am not sure whether he succeeded. He wanted to tell Forrestal that he subscribed fully to the views that you and Bill had expressed.

You mentioned that it was informally agreed that the Hoover Commission would not concern itself with intelligence but leave that field to the Survey Group. I understand that one of the staff members of the Hoover Commission is making a brief survey of Park Armstrong's outfit in the State Department. Although this may be only in relation to their over-all study of the State Department, I think it would be well to compare notes with the Hoover Commission in order to make sure that we are not treading on each others toes. I would do this directly without bothering you, but I want to be sure that I do not run afoul any of the arrangements you have made. My suggestion is simply that I get in touch with their people from time to time in order to be sure that we are not crossing wires. You might drop a note to Bundy or Rogers or, if you prefer, please let me know and I will get directly in touch with them.

I think I may be in New York on Thursday of next week, July 1, and suggest that we meet then if it is convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Blum